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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

September 21, 2010

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

SUNSET REVIEW FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Requesting approval to extend the sunset review date for the Los Angeles County Aviation Commission.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Extend the Los Angeles County Aviation Commission's sunset review date to June 1, 2014.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On December 1, 1994, the Audit Committee submitted its initial report in response to your Board's instruction to review the effectiveness of County commissions, committees and task forces defined under Chapters I and IV of the Los Angeles County Committee Book. Consistent with your Board's instructions, the Audit Committee is submitting the results of the evaluation of the Los Angeles County Aviation Commission (Commission) performed by the Auditor-Controller, and recommendations from Audit Committee for further action by your Board.

The Commission advises and makes recommendations to the Board, Department of Public Works (DWP) and Regional Planning Department (RPD) on matters related to the promotion and growth of aviation, acquisition of airport sites, management and operation of airports and heliports, and compatible land uses around airports.

During this review period, the Commission accomplished the following:

- Recommended a new location to install helicopter landing pads and the reopening of two helicopter landing pads with the Santa Fe Dam Basin for helicopter pilots to practice their maneuvers.
- Recommended the installation of an Automated Weather Observing System that will help provide accurate and up-to-date weather information at the Compton/Woodley Airport. The installation is scheduled to begin in 2011.
- Provided input to various entities on the following initiatives that influence the promotion of aviation; 1) supported the Brian Ranch Airport Conditional Use Permit for accommodation of ultra light aircraft operations; 2) supported the Federal Administration Contract Tower Program which provides essential air traffic safety services to various airports; 3) opposed the Bob Hope Airport Night Time Curfew Proposition for the implementation of a mandatory curfew at airports; and 4) opposed the Federal Aviation Association Funding Bill for the tax increase to general-aviation, private or corporate fliers.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Commission members receive \$25 per meeting attended, not to exceed 24 meetings per fiscal year. DPW estimates annual Commission expenditures of approximately \$26,500 for staff support, stipends and travel expenses.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Commission was created by the Board pursuant to Chapter 3.08 of the Los Angeles County Code. The Commission's most recent Board-approved sunset review date was September 2004.

The Commission has ten members, two appointed by each Supervisor. The Commission meets monthly. From January 2007 to December 2009, the Commission met 30 times, ten times per year, with an average attendance of seven (70%) members.

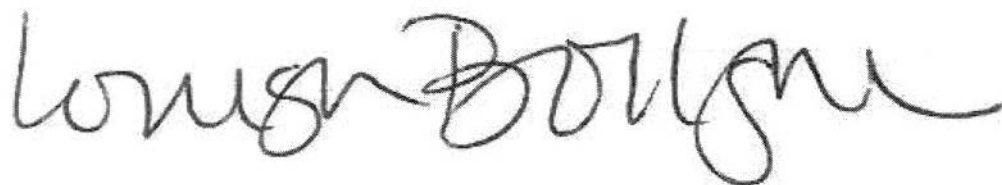
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Commission's objectives for the coming period are to continue to advise and make recommendations to the Board, DWP, and/or RPD on the following:

- The General William J. Fox Airfield and Whiteman Airport Master Plan Updates provide a framework for long-range planning of airport development projects;
- Weather reporting and observation capabilities at County-owned airports; and
- Security enhancements at all five County-owned airports.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louisa Ollague". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Louisa" written in a more compact, rounded style, and the last name "Ollague" written in a more elongated, flowing style.

LOUISA OLLAGUE
Chair

LO:tpk

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
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Chair, Los Angeles County Aviation Commission



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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August 3, 2010

TO: Audit Committee

FROM: Wendy L. Watanabe
Auditor-Controller

SUBJECT: **SUNSET REVIEW FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION
COMMISSION**

RECOMMENDATION

The Audit Committee recommend to the Board of Supervisors (Board) to extend the Los Angeles County Aviation Commission's sunset review date to June 1, 2014.

BACKGROUND

The Los Angeles County Aviation Commission (Commission) was created by the Board pursuant to Chapter 3.08 of the Los Angeles County Code. The Board approved the most recent sunset review extension in September 2004.

The Commission advises and makes recommendations to the Board, Department of Public Works (DPW) and Regional Planning Department (RPD) on matters related to the promotion and growth of aviation; acquisition of airport sites; management and operation of airports and heliports; and compatible land uses around airports.

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JUSTIFICATION

During this review period, the Commission's accomplishments included the following:

- Recommended a new location to install helicopter landing pads and the re-opening of two helicopter landing pads within the Santa Fe Dam Basin for helicopter pilots to practice their maneuvers.
- Recommended the installation of an Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) that will help provide accurate and up-to-date weather information at the Compton/Woodley Airport. The installation is scheduled to begin in 2011.
- Provided input to various entities on the following initiatives that influence the promotion of aviation:
 - Supported the Brian Ranch Airport Conditional Use Permit for the accommodation of ultralight aircraft operations at this airport.
 - Supported the Federal Administration Contract Tower Program which provides essential air traffic safety services to various airports.
 - Opposed the Bob Hope Airport Night Time Curfew Proposition for the implementation of a mandatory curfew at the airport.
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- Security enhancements at all five County-owned airports.

Please call me if you have any questions.

WLW:MMO:JLS:TK

Attachments

c: George G. Butts, Chair, Aviation Commission
Richard L. Smith, Chief, Aviation Division
Robin A. Guerrero, Chief, Board Operations
Angie Montes, Acting Chief, Commission Services

COMMISSION SUNSET REVIEW
LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION
REVIEW COMMENTS

Mission. (Does the mission statement agree with the Board of Supervisors' purpose and expectations?)

The stated mission is as set forth in the ordinance establishing the Commission.
CONCUR.

Section 1. Relevance. (Is the mission still relevant and in agreement with the Board of Supervisors' purpose and expectations?)

The Commission's mission is to advise and make recommendations to the Board, DPW and RPD on matters related to the promotion and growth of aviation; acquisition of airport sites; management and operation of airports and heliports; and compatible land uses around airports.

The Commission's mission appears to be **RELEVANT.**

Section 2. Meetings and Attendance. (Are required meetings held and is attendance satisfactory?)

The Commission meets monthly. From January 2007 to December 2009, the Commission met 30 times, ten times per year, with an average attendance of seven (70%) members.

The Commission's meeting frequency and attendance is **SATISFACTORY.**

Sections 3 and 4. Accomplishments and Results. (Are listed accomplishments and results significant?)

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The Commission's accomplishments and results are **SIGNIFICANT**.

Section 5. Objectives. (Are the objectives compatible with the mission and goals and relevant within the current County environment?)

The Commission's objectives for the coming period are to continue to advise and make recommendations to the Board, DPW and/or RPD on the following:

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- Weather reporting and observation capabilities at County-owned airports.
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The Commission's future objectives appear **RELEVANT**.

Section 6. Resources. (Are the resources utilized by the entity in support of the entity's activities warranted in terms of the accomplishments and results?)

Commission members receive \$25 per meeting attended, not to exceed 24 meetings per fiscal year. Members also receive reimbursement for necessary travel expenses. DPW provides the Commission with staff support. DPW estimates annual Commission expenditures of approximately \$26,500 for staff support, stipends and travel expenses.

The Commission's expenses appear to be **WARRANTED**.

Section 7. Recommendation.

**EXTEND THE SUNSET REVIEW DATE FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
AVIATION COMMISSION TO JUNE 1, 2014.**

**Los Angeles County Aviation Commission
Attendance Record**

Commissioner	Nominated by:	3/31/07	6/30/07	9/30/07	12/31/07	3/31/08	6/30/08	9/30/08	12/31/08	3/31/09	6/30/09	9/30/09	12/31/09	Totals	% Attended
Number of Meetings per Quarter		3	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	30	
Bobby E. Chase	1st District	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	28	93%
Penelope Cornwall	1st District	3	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	3	2	2	1	18	60%
Dennis C. Lord	2nd District	3	2	2	2	3	3	1	2	2	3	2	2	27	90%
Clinton Simmons	2nd District	3	3	2	2	3	1	1	1	3	3	2	2	26	87%
Aron A. Wolf	3rd District	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	4	13%
Evelyn Jerome Alexander	3rd District	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	26	87%
Angelo R. Cardono	4th District	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	21	70%
George G. Butts	4th District	2	3	2	1	3	2	2	1	2	3	0	2	23	77%
Clyde G. Bailey	5th District	3	2	1	2	3	2	0						13	76%
Harvey Holloway	5th District									1	2	2	2	7	88%
Peter Amundson	5th District									1	2	1	0	4	44%
Roger L. Persons	5th District	2	3	2	2	0								9	69%
Vacant	5th District						0	0	0					0	0%
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Totals		22	21	17	15	20	16	12	10	20	23	15	15	206	
Average Attendance per Meeting —————>														6.9	

Legend:

☐ Vacancy was filled or Commissioner did not serve during this period.